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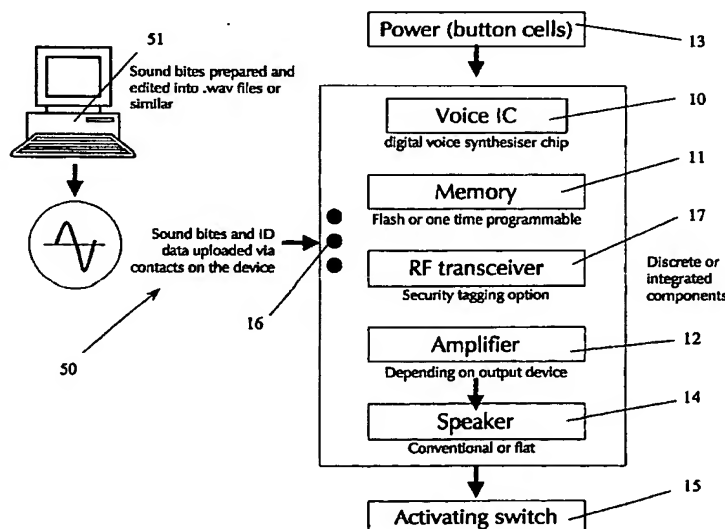
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(57) **Abstract:** A packaging container (20) includes an audio integrated circuit (10) capable of converting digital audio data into electrical audio signals, connected to or integrated with a memory (11) for providing digital audio data to the audio integrated circuit. The memory has an input (16) through which digital audio data can be uploaded to the memory during the packaging process. A speaker (14) receives electrical audio signals from the audio integrated circuit (10) for reproducing corresponding sound signals. A battery (13) is connected to power the audio integrated circuit and the transducer, and a manually actuatable switch (15) causes the audio integrated circuit to operate to receive digital audio data from the memory and to provide electrical audio signals to the speaker (14) for reproduction of audio material.